Amendments to Specification

Pages 18-19, rewrite the paragraphs starting at line 16, page 18, and ending at line 2, page 19, to read as follows:

Now referring to FIG. 9 there is shown an entry alignment device 100c according to a third embodiment, in the shape of a conventional cannula, that includes an insertion member 120 and a stop member 122 that is affixed to the insertion member. In a particular embodiment, the insertion member and the stop member form an integral, one-piece structure. The entry alignment device 100c of this embodiment is configured and arranged so that in use the portion of the insertion member 120 that is below the stop member 122 is passed through each of the conjunctiva 4 and the sclera 6. Additionally, in use the entry alignment device 100c ~~member 100b~~ is inserted until the stop member 122 is proximal the exterior surface of the eye 2 similar to that shown for the stop portion 104 in FIG. 6A.

In the illustrated embodiment, the insertion member 120 is a tubular member having a lumen 124 extending between the ends of the insertion member and the stop member 122 includes therein a through aperture 126 that communicates with the insertion member lumen. In use, the lumen 124 ~~lumen 114~~ and the through aperture 126 ~~aperture 116~~ comprise the entry aperture formed in the eye 2 through which the surgical instruments are inserted.

Page 20, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 4, to read as follows:

The insertion member 120 and stop member 122 are made from any material known in the art that has sufficient rigidity and strength to be inserted into and removed from the conjunctiva 4 and sclera 6 as described above and to withstand in use stresses arising for example from the insertion and/or manipulation of surgical instruments as well motion of the eye or elements thereof. Also, the material shall be inclusive of those materials that are capable of being used with the desired sterility required for the surgical procedure. More particularly, the insertion member 120 ~~member 110~~ and stop member 122 ~~member 112~~ are made from metals such as stainless steel and plastics such as polyimide or combinations thereof.

Page 30, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 1, to read as follows:

The stop portion 204 is configured and arranged so as to provide a sufficient surface area and thickness to prevent the infusion cannula 200a from being drawn or drifting into the intra-ocular volume of the eye. The stop portion 204 and the inserted portion 206 are configured so as to include in each a lumen that communicates with each other and the lumen in the nozzle portion 202a. ~~portion 202.~~ In this way, the fluid from the infusion source flows through the successive lumens and into the intra-ocular volume of the eye.

Page 45, delete the ABSTRACT in its entirety and replace therewith the following:

Featured are device kits for use in performing intra-ocular surgery. Such device kits include at least one an entry alignment device that is configured and arranged so as to be and inserted through both the conjunctiva and sclera so as to form an entry aperture that extends between the exterior of the eye and the intra-ocular volume within the eye. The alignment device is configured to form an aperture or opening in each of the conjunctiva and sclera of the eye and to maintain these apertures or openings in alignment during the surgical procedure. The entry alignment device also is sized so the surgical procedure does not involve the use of sutures for sealing the aperture or opening during or after the procedure.